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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SCOTT JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERT SILVEIRA, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 19-cv-02548-SVK

ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO CONDUCT APRIL 28, 2020 MEDIATION BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Re: Dkt. No. 29

The parties have filed a stipulation requesting that the Court excuse the personal attendance of the parties and counsel at the April 28, 2020 mediation and permit the mediation to take place by teleconference. Dkt. 29. In light of the current public health emergency, the Court GRANTS the parties' request to be excused from personal attendance at the April 28, 2020 mediation. The Court ORDERS that the mediation shall occur by videoconference, rather than teleconference, unless excused by the mediator to address technical barriers. *See* Amended Notice re Procedures for ADR Cases and Cases Subject to General Order 56 During Coronavirus Public Health Emergency, available at <a href="https://cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Amended-Notice-re-Procedures-for-ADR-Cases-and-Cases-Subject-to-General-Order-56-During-Coronavirus-Public-Health-Emergency.pdf">https://cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Amended-Notice-re-Procedures-for-ADR-Cases-and-Cases-Subject-to-General-Order-56-During-Coronavirus-Public-Health-Emergency.pdf</a>

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 22, 2020

SUSAN VAN KEULEN United States Magistrate Judge